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Mr Tyler
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Sir

I am glad to hear, by your letter of the 14 the inst.) received this morning, that you have advanced so far in your preparations for commencing work at the New Orleans Mint

I have been kept long in the dark as to your proceedings, owing, as I now suppose, to the illness of Mr. Bradford.

I approve entirely of your course with the regard to Mr. Jackson, and hope you will not hesitate to lop off the other faithless workmen of whom you speak. In conducting such an Establishment as is committed to your charge, at such a place as new Orleans, great firmness will be necessary on the part of the officers, and I am happy to find that they have the moral courage to exert it. —

They must be the masters, for they have all the responsibility. We are astonished to hear that Mr. Barrett presumed to meddle in this matter, and above all that he should have encouraged the men in their insubordination. He will find, on his return, that he has done his last work for this mint.

Your dies were ordered on the receipt of my last letter for Mr. Foxtall, and are now in progress. we shall also send you a series of coins.

Mr. Francis, (to whom I have sent a messenger this morning) promises to have six adjusting balances finished for your mint in the course of a week.

Complete sets of large balances, with many other articles, Ordered in France, were sent from Havre in the Fornasa to New York, and I am sorry to say that much alarm is entertained for her safety, as she has been 75 days out, and is not heard of. Her loss would be a severe misfortune to the Branch mints.

I have written to Mr Forstall that his draft to pay Messrs. Barrett & Co. should be honoured on presentation.

Please to inform Dr. Flint that Mr. Eckfeldt graduated the Measure for his normal solutions, by weighing the requisite quantities of water in it, and marking the lines at which they stood, and it is a question of proportion, it is not necessary that French weights should be employed.

Let me thank you for your very satisfactory letter, and invite you to communicate to me freely, from time to time, the proceedings in your department of the mint. I am very anxious, to be kept informed as to your condition.

Very Respectfully
Your Faithful Servant
Signed
R. M. Patterson
Director

To
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